

## Jefferson County Parks Department Receives Grant for Interurban Trail



The Jefferson County Parks Department has received notice from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that it has been awarded \$178,850.50 for Phase 1 of the Interurban Recreation Trail from the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP) Grant Program.

The grant is for the construction of a recreation trail from Watertown to Oconomowoc on the We Energies owned old electric rail line. When successfully completed, this project will make it possible to ride a bike on designated trails from the lakefront in Milwaukee all the way to Watertown.

Trails like this are good for our local economy, our health, and our environment. Jefferson County has actually identified outdoor recreation as a major component of our local economic development activities. Simply put, people and businesses want to be near these types of projects.

The project will be phased, with the first phase costing approximately \$1,400,000. Jefferson County is attempting to raise additional funds to complete the project.

Anyone interested in helping to fund the trail is encouraged to contact Joe Nehmer or Mary Nimm at 920-674-7260 or [jeffcoparks@jeffersoncountywi.gov](mailto:jeffcoparks@jeffersoncountywi.gov)